

Department of Planning and Budget

2020 Fiscal Impact Statement

1. Bill Number: SB407

House of Origin ☐ Introduced ☒ Substitute ☐ Engrossed

Second House ☐ In Committee ☐ Substitute ☐ Enrolled

2. Patron: Hashmi

3. Committee: Conference.

4. Title: Virginia Revolutionary 250 Commission; report.

5. Summary: The Conference substitute bill establishes the Virginia Revolutionary 250 Commission to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution, the Revolutionary War, and the independence of the United States. The bill has an expiration date of July 1, 2027.

6. Budget Amendment Necessary: See items 8 and 11.

7. Fiscal Impact Estimates: Indeterminate.

8. Fiscal Implications: The Conference substitute bill (S2) removes legislative membership in the first year, but an enactment clause leaves the door open the second year for determining how many legislators will be added for that year and beyond. In this scenario, there will be no costs during the first year to the Senate of Virginia and the House of Delegates, where these agencies would usually incur an impact to pay the interim meeting compensation for their respective members. Costs for the second year and beyond cannot be determined until the 2021 Regular Session has completed. Gunston Hall indicates that it can absorb, within its existing budget, any costs associated with the creation and leading of an advisory council. The Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation believes it can absorb, within its existing budget, early-stage costs associated with the creation and initial planning meetings. Complete costs will not be known until the first year work-plan report is presented for the staffing, organizational structure, and funding needs of the Commission.

9. Specific Agency or Political Subdivisions Affected: The Virginia Revolutionary 250 Commission; The House of Delegates; The Senate of Virginia; The Secretary of Education; the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation; Gunston Hall.

10. Technical Amendment Necessary: No.

11. Other Comments: The potential cost in the out-years to commemorate the 250th anniversary of the American Revolution is indeterminate and dependent on the amount of funding provided by the General Assembly, as well as the depth and scope of the work plan developed in the first year per the second enactment clause. For reference purposes, the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation notes that the costs to cover staffing and operating expenses for the 2019 Commemoration was \$447,536 the first year, and \$4,309,228 the second year.